

BROOKFIELD IS THE MAN!

MAYOR STRONG'S COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS.

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William Brookfield, defeated candidate of the anti-Platt faction for President of the Republican County Committee, is to be Commissioner of Public Works and away the greatest mass of patronage in the city, unless Mayor Strong changes his mind before to-morrow. This is not official, but it is true. The Mayor decided last night to make these four appointments to-day.

He announced that there are the only appointments he will make to-day, and that he will name another member of the Board in a few days. The present Commissioner of Public Works, Daniel P. Platt, is a member of the Board. The Mayor is in favor of the Board in a few days. The present Commissioner of Public Works, Daniel P. Platt, is a member of the Board.

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SURETIES PAID \$360,000.

THE LATE STATE TREASURER OF ILLINOIS SHORT THAT AMOUNT.

State Against the Estate of Rufus Ramsey May Result in the Recovery of \$325,000—Discovery of the Shortage When Ramsey's Son Was Named for the Office.

CARLEYSVILLE, Ill., Feb. 12.—Judge Jones of Clinton county, sitting as a probate judge in this city on last Saturday, made the claim of the bondsmen of the late Rufus Ramsey, as State Treasurer of Illinois, against his estate, amounting to \$360,000, a preferred claim of the sixth class.

The bondsmen who stood in the place of the State took this action to reimburse themselves for having made good the same amount of shortage discovered in the accounts of the late Treasurer of Illinois when his office was transferred to his son Elijah in last November.

The Ramsey estate is valued at \$150,000, and if the widow does not forego her dower rights the bondsmen expect to realize \$125,000 from their claim. Judge Jones allowed only one other preferred claim amounting to a few thousand dollars.

Carl Moll, cashier of the National Bank of Illinois, one of the bondsmen on the bond of the late State Treasurer, Rufus Ramsey, and an appointee of Gov. Altgeld as West Park Commissioner said to-night to a United Press reporter in regard to the claim of the bondsmen against the Ramsey estate, and the reported defalcation of \$360,000.

Officers and directors of the following Chicago banks were on the bond of the late Rufus Ramsey for the aggregate sum of \$500,000, divided unequally: Chicago National, Corn Exchange, Fort Dearborn National, Metropolitan National, and the National Bank of Illinois.

These banks were used as depositories of State money. When Mr. Ramsey died suddenly at his home in New York City, last November, Governor Altgeld appointed Elijah, the son of the deceased, to serve the rest of the term.

The law requires the presence of the bondsmen when any transfer of the Treasurer's office is to be made, so F. M. Blount, cashier of the Chicago National Bank, and myself, representing the bondsmen, were present in Springfield when the accounts were examined and the funds turned over.

The startling discovery was made at that time that \$360,000 of the State funds had been misappropriated. We found notes of Henry Seiter, a banker of Lebanon and O'Fallon, Ill., aggregating \$243,000.

The only security attached to the notes was a mortgage in the Illinois Farm Company, which owned several thousand acres of farm land in Illinois. We also found bills of Ramsey for \$115,000.

He had simply taken that amount of money from the treasury and left bills to show for it. The total deficiency was made good at once by the banks, and when Elijah Ramsey became State Treasurer, Nov. 21, there was not a dollar owing the State.

When the Treasurer, Henry Wolff, came into the office he was met with a demand for every dollar of the Chicago banks and demanded currency for every dollar represented by the notes. He was told that he had to get the money from the treasury, and he was told that he had to get the money from the treasury.

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BILL COOK IS COMING.

He Has Been Sentenced to Fifty Years in the Penitentiary at Albany.

FOUR SMITH, Ark., Feb. 12.—In the United States Court today Bill Cook, the notorious outlaw, was found guilty on half a dozen counts, and sentenced to fifty years in the United States penitentiary at Albany. He took his sentence unflinchingly, and will be taken to Albany to-morrow.

TAMMEN AND HIS BOND.

A Bill Introduced at Albany Which Will Worry Him About Them.

ALBANY, Feb. 12.—The manner in which the Sheriff's office in New York has been tampered with seems likely to take up considerable of the time and attention of the lawmakers up here for the rest of the session. The Assembly Committee decided to-day to consider the two measures on this subject in its hands at its meeting next Tuesday afternoon. They are the House's Sheriff's Auctioneer Reform bill and the Sheriff's bill, abolishing the office of counsel to the Sheriff. It was suggested that the notice to the Sheriff should be written in German, but it does not appear that Mr. O'Grady's clerk can do this.

The suggestion serves to show that the situation in the southwest corner of the basement of the Court House is pretty well understood in Albany. A still further indication of this knowledge is found in the new bill introduced to-day by Mr. Halpin. It amends the Sheriff's office, so as to restore the personal liability of the Sheriff. This liability was practically taken from him by an amendment passed in 1897, which provided that bonds, when perfected in the manner prescribed by law, relieved the Sheriff of all personal liability.

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WILD OVER LA GASCOGNE.

Cheers and Weeping Salute Her at Her Pier.

ALL THE HARBOR WELCOMES HER.

It Was a Piston of the Middle Team of Cylinders that Broke.

A Splendid Job Chief Engineer Martin Did in the Engine Room of the Rolling Ship Isolating the Disabled Pair—Stories of the Voyage Told to a Sun Reporter All Monday Night On Board at the Hook.

With flags flying from both her masts, and greeted every foot of the way by the loud whistles of tugboats and other vessels of the harbor fleet, La Gascoigne, the French liner, steamed up from her anchorage off the Sandy Hook Lightship yesterday morning and made her way through the floating ice up to her pier at the foot of Morton street. Thousands of people gathered to receive her, some who had friends on board, but more who hadn't, but were victims of the epidemic excitement, split their throats with their cheers of welcome. They danced up and down in their joy. Some wept. All joined in the frantic yelling until, as one passenger put it, it seemed almost as if being eight days on the ocean just to find how glad people were to see you when you got back.

La Gascoigne weighed anchor about 7 o'clock in the morning, and with four tugs the company had hired to tow her merely pointing the way, she started off under her own steam. There were four tugs in the company, one representing the U. S. Navy and the other three the U. S. Army. They had been aboard all night, having got there before the big ship came to anchor just before midnight. They were the only men on the fleet of tugs that greeted La Gascoigne as she came in who had the nerve to risk the climb of thirty feet up the side of the ship to learn exactly what

pathy with them. But they all shouted even while the tears were rolling down their cheeks. They danced, too, and the women seized and hugged each other. A big hawser was passed from the steamer to the largest of the four tugs securing it to the bow of the French liner, and the tug started into the dock and pulled. The steamer was slowly warped around the pier and came to anchor.

The interior of the French liner was piled high with freight on either side. The lane between the two sides of the ship was narrow, and the freight was mostly in boxes. That piled by the door through which the passengers were landed was the most of it. When the liner came to anchor, the moment La Gascoigne began twisting her nose around toward the dock the crowd made for the

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